

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 551

By Overbey

A RESOLUTION to honor the memory of John L. Loveday of Maryville.

WHEREAS, the members of this General Assembly were greatly saddened to learn of the passing of John L. Loveday; and

WHEREAS, John L. Loveday was an exemplary public servant and consummate professional who worked assiduously to improve the quality of life for his fellow citizens in numerous capacities; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Loveday served with acumen and alacrity as a businessman, the oldest living businessman in Maryville, in which position he earned the respect of his peers and customers alike for the exemplary quality of his work; and

WHEREAS, he started his career at Norton Hardware, Sterling Seed, and Supply and then opening his own store, Loveday Hardware, with his brother, Sam H. Loveday Jr., and devoted his life to the business until his retirement; and

WHEREAS, he was an active and devout member of the Middlesettlements United Methodist Church, which he served faithfully for many years; and

WHEREAS, he served as a fifty-year member of New Providence Lodge #128; and

WHEREAS, John L. Loveday was also deeply devoted to his family, and he always endeavored to remain true to family values of the highest order; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Loveday enjoyed the loving companionship of his wife of sixty-six years, Imogene Talbott Loveday, and was the proud father of Steve Loveday and his wife Janice, proud grandfather of Brian, Nathan, and Courtney, proud great-grandfather of Will, Lauren, and Lexi, loving brother of Raymond Loveday and Anna Margaret Sands, and proud uncle of Jack Loveday; and

WHEREAS, he was preceded in death by his parents, Sam H. Loveday Sr. and Stella Hammontree Loveday, and brothers Sam H. Loveday Jr. and Howard Laymond Loveday; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Loveday leaves behind an indelible legacy of integrity and probity in public life, compassion and loyalty in private life, and diligence and dedication in all his chosen endeavors; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting that this General Assembly should pause to remember the bountiful life of this exceptional public servant and human being; now, therefore

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED EIGHTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we honor the memory of John L. Loveday, reflecting fondly upon his impeccable character and his stalwart commitment to living the examined life with courage and conviction.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that we express our sympathy and offer our condolences to the family of John L. Loveday.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.